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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, I want ultimately to support this amendment. But I want to ask you just some defining questions. Please keep in mind that, however I ask the questions, I am in fact supportive. But I...but in order to relate ultimately the effect of different kinds of amendments that are in this package, I just wanted to ask you a couple of questions about how your amendment plays, in terms of which counties are affected by it, and understanding, in asking this question, that 695 itself benefits Douglas and Lancaster enormously, and a few other counties to some extent. My first question is just an informational question. On the handout that you gave us that shows what counties get from your amendment, as opposed to the package as a whole, it says county aid at 1136 at the rate of .01. The actual amendment before us is .18. Is that not correct? So these figures are not exactly accurate. And I would, Senator Kristensen, ask for or yield some of my time to Senator Wickersham to respond, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler, I'll be very brief. The reason you see .01 is due to the fact that the computer doesn't print that out there. The actual number used is .019. It's just...it's just...it's just a spread sheet kind of a thing, and you...the number gets dropped off. Sorry. That's no guarantee that I understand spread sheets, Senator, but that's what happened.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...than most of us, Senator. Is it...but it is accurate to say that under the 1136 amendment the 12 or 13 most populace counties in the state get absolutely, and representing probably better than three-quarters of the people, get absolutely no money out of your amendment. Is that more or less accurate?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So what we're talking about is something that goes in 695, the main portion, to at least four or five of the most populace counties. And you're adding on then and picking up, and actually the way the formula is